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Dear Ms Dino Barrett

Re: USPTO Application Number 10/606,254
Art Unit: 3676

Thank you for your recent communication. As we discussed in our phone conversation of 27 June 2005, the Big-Un elongate member, when fitted, passes through the aperture of the steering wheel to the base of the cab leaving approx 15.5 inches of the Big-un extended into the vehicle space normally occupied by the driver. Therefore providing security at the steering wheel and security locked onto pedals at the base of the cab.

This feature is significant in that unlike all other patents you cite in your letter, the Big-un prevents or restricts a person from sitting in the driving seat when the Big-un is fitted to a vehicle. A would be thief is prevented from sitting in the normal driving posture when attempting to remove the Big-un, thereby making them conspicuous in that they either have to remove the Big-un when standing outside the vehicle or have to position themselves in an abnormal position (to that of the normal driving position).

Not one of the other inventions you cite focuses on this vehicle space or in fact protrudes beyond the steering wheel itself, they are all concerned with either the steering wheel or operating pedals or the steering wheel and operating pedals. None of them interact with the space inside the vehicle normally occupied by the driver when seated in the conventional driving posture.

I attach drawings and photos illustrating and demonstrating this unique feature of the Big-Un.

The drawings show approx measurement from the base of the cab to the steering wheel and the approx measurement of the Big-un extending into the Driver's space from the steering wheel.

I hope this explanation is sufficient to describe the uniqueness of the Big-un against all other manual security devices.

Yours faithfully

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